

LOCAL MISCELLANY.

CASHIER BERRY IN JAIL.

INDIGNATION EXPRESSED THAT THE BAIL WAS SO SMALL—HIS ARREST ON OTHER CHARGES—HIS WIFE'S DEVOTION.

Justice Bertholf, of Hackensack, N. J., has been arrested on a charge of having embezzled \$10,000 from the Bank of Bergen County and the Bergen County Savings Bank, under only \$10,000 bail, when the charges against the prisoner were for embezzeling \$10,000. The Justice was afterward informed that Berry had stolen an additional \$26,000 about July 1 from the savings bank, and he accordingly issued another warrant for his arrest on this charge. Berry's house had been searched by mounted police, and yesterday morning he was arrested and taken to the County Jail. He was accompanied by his wife, Joshua A. Clarke, his father-in-law, W. H. Hall, his uncle, and Judge Banta. The prisoner was pale and dispirited, his wife brought a chair for him, sat down on it, lay and leaned her head on his shoulder, and words of encouragement. Judge Banta had previously sent word to Justice Bertholf that he would surrender the bail. The prisoner was committed to jail on the three warrants with an additional bail of \$25,000, making \$35,000 all. Berry was placed in the Female Prison as he deserved, but he was soon released on a writ of habeas corpus.

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Ex-Assemblyman C. G. Gilliam has been retained by some depositors to see that no transfer is made of funds from the Bank of Bergen County to cover up the defalcation of the cashier. Mr. Gilliam says no action will be taken in the direction of obtaining another receiver, as Mr. Johnson and the entire confidence of the depositors. If any attempt should be made to release the prisoner on bail, new warrants would certainly be issued at once. An effort to raise new bail on Sunday morning failed. Justice Johnson, who was on the train to the appointment, said there would not pay over any money to the Bergen County Savings Bank unless ordered to do so by Chamberlain. He stated that the trustees of the savings bank had no personal liability beyond that of misconduct in office.

Handbills were circulated through Hackensack yesterday, calling for a general meeting at 2 o'clock at the National Hotel, next door to the bank. A preliminary meeting was held last night, but owing to lack of advertisement it was scarcely attended. It is expected that the meeting tomorrow will call out a large representation of the depositors and from the banks, and a general organization on the management of the funds will be expedited. The trustees of the savings bank meet to-day. A committee will be appointed to wind up the institution under the direction of Chamberlain, and with the assistance of Examiner Verdenyck.

A man who had been a director of the bank, a deposit in the two institutions, said that he knew of a man whose person had deposited money at the banks since Monday, when the directors knew the contents of his safe. I have not selected my company on account of any reputation attached to its individual members, but because of their fitness to portray the characters in the play. There is not one solitary word that can be said against the moral character of the people who will play the parts. Upon this point I may say more. The Passover Play will be presented. It cannot be legally performed in a theater as much as any other place. These men and women who act are my enemies, my income, my cheer, my choir. I am five years and a half in Jerusalem studying the Passion Play as presented by the monks. I scatter the Old Testament play; and I come to the conclusion that these plays were better than any other person's. I believe I have set it in a more fitting form than any other. I have no objection to what you say, but I must be allowed to speak for myself.

"You must have occasion to write a great many letters."

"Yes, I do. Many come to me in tears, and get no answer, and a hand that I have sometimes in my pocket of relatives as much as any other person. These men and women who act are my enemies, my income, my cheer, my choir.

"I suppose you have been the means of making a great many names."

"Oh yes; and I sometimes think it is quite comforting to know that there are other persons, like yourself, apart from each other, I frequent write letters for those who wish to remain anonymous. Frequently they are people in good society."

"At this moment I am writing a letter to a friend, and the letter-writer excused herself for a moment, saying, 'I am sorry to trouble you to excuse me, but I have a letter to you.'

"On the way down stairs the reporter met a man carrying my coat, looking like a burly drayman, who was carrying eagerly, as if he had something important on his mind."

as his money was gradually exhausted, and then threatened to kill himself. One of Heberling's friends was Julius Hillschimer, of No. 82 Third-st., this city, and to him the Brooklyn police sent word of the identification of the two suspected persons.

In the evening of Tuesday, five minutes past seven, the man was found suspended by the neck from the bars of a window in his room. She was dead. She had used one of her stockings and a garter to hang herself.

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A WOMAN WHO WRITES LETTERS FOR ANYBODY OR ANY SUBJECT FOR TWENTY-FIVE CENTS.

THREE MODEST MISSIONARIES.

TALKS WITH "JIMMY" O'NEILL, LEWIS MORRISON AND SAM'L P. MORSE ABOUT THE PASSION PLAY

—THEY THINK IT WILL DO MORE GOOD THAN ANY MINISTERS.

In view of the discussion relating to the Passion Play, a *TRIBUNE* reporter called yesterday upon James O'Neill and Lewis Morrison, who took part in the performance at San Francisco. Both expressed themselves as filled with a spirit of reverence and even awe while engaged in the performance. While the reporter was conversing with James O'Neill, Sam'l P. Morse, author of the play, entered and expressed his opinions in regard to his own work.

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